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Office Action Summary

Application No. 10/606,808	Applicant(s) HAE JIN YUN 	
Examiner Tarifur R. Chowdhury	Art Unit 2871	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 28,29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/20/05
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/17/2005 has been entered.

Election/Restrictions

2. After considering applicant's argument regarding the restriction requirement, the examiner is withdrawing the restriction requirements and claims 28 and 29 are examined on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

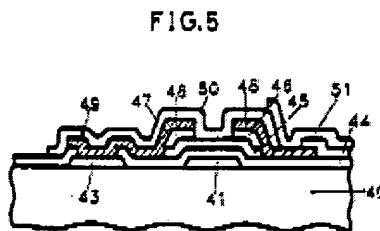
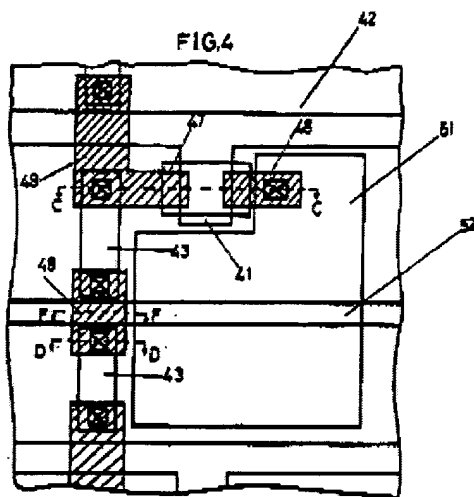
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim, USPAT 5,790,222.**

5. Kim discloses and shows in Figs. 4 and 5, an LCD device, comprising:

- an insulating substrate (40);

- a gate line (42) disposed on the insulating substrate substantially along a first line in a first direction;
- a first data line (43) disposed perpendicular to the gate line substantially along a second line in a second direction, the first data line defining a separation so that the first data line is absent at a region where the second line crosses the gate line;



- a second data line (49) disposed at a crossing the gate line substantially along the second line;
- a thin film transistor (TFT) disposed adjacent to a crossing point of the gate line and the second data line, the thin film transistor having a source electrode (47) and a drain electrode (48);
- an active layer (45) disposed below the second data line including a portion thereof at the second line, a source electrode, and a drain electrode of the thin film transistor; and

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- a third data line (49) (lower data line) to electrically connect the first and second data lines with each other (thru contact holes T1 and T2 that can be seen in Fig. 4) and a pixel electrode (51) electrically connected to the drain electrode (48).

Accordingly, claims 28 and 29 are anticipated.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-27 are allowed.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art an LCD device or a method of manufacturing such a device comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically the limitation such as an active layer being disposed below the second data line, a source electrode, and a drain electrode of the thin film transistor, wherein the second data line completely overlaps the active layer is considered novel including all other recitations.

The closest reference USPAT 5,790,222 discloses an LCD device having first, second and third data lines with an active layer being disposed below the second data line but fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination with any other prior art references that the second data line completely overlaps the active layer.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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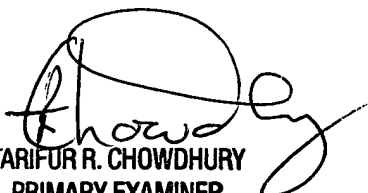
USPAT 6,633,359, USPAT 5,936,685, USPAT 5,920,083 and USPAT 5,861,635 are related to an LCD device having more than one data lines in a same line as well as pixel electrode in the display region.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R. Chowdhury whose telephone number is (571) 272-2287. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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